

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-70-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCILS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH 2006

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
☐ Court Order
☐ Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties
☒ Initiated by CDSS

Dear Colleagues:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) is very pleased to partner with Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. in promoting National Parent Leadership Month in February 2006. The CDSS is committed to strengthening families and preventing child abuse through the promotion and implementation of Parent Leadership strategies throughout the State. The purpose of National Parent Leadership Month is to:

- Raise public awareness about the important roles parents play in shaping the lives of children and families.
- Expand opportunities for Parent Leaders to participate in meaningful leadership activities.
- Recognize individual Parent Leaders whose contributions make a positive difference to their families and communities.
- Build successful partnerships between Parent Leaders and professionals to strengthen and support families and communities.

At the State level, we are currently working with Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. and Child Abuse Training and Technical Assistance (CATTa) to host a special National Parent Leadership Month reception in Sacramento at the upcoming Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Statewide Summit on February 24, 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. Be sure to watch for more information in the upcoming months.

We are encouraging the CAPCs to also raise awareness about Parent Leadership in their local communities. Many of the councils enthusiastically supported this initiative last year. We hope that this momentum continues and that additional councils will join in

this important effort for 2006. Here are some ideas of ways that you may wish to participate:

- Post information about National Parent Leadership Month on your Web sites.
- Publish articles in newsletters highlighting feature stories that recognize Parent Leaders.
- Bring a parent leader to the upcoming CAPC Statewide Summit. (Community Based Child Abuse Prevention funds may be used to support this activity.)
- Honor and recognize Parent Leaders at local meetings and events.

You can find additional ways to celebrate National Parent Leadership Month in the attached *Tool Kit* developed by Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. Additional copies can be downloaded through the Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. Web site at www.parentsanonymous.org.

We hope you will join us in this major effort to recognize parents in their important leadership roles. Working together, we can help families achieve positive outcomes.

If you have any additional questions, please call me at (916) 657-2614, or Greg Rose, Chief, Office of Child Abuse Prevention at (916) 651-6960.

Sincerely,

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